Minutes: Iowa Council for Early ACCESS

Date, time, and

place

Date: January 16, 2009 Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Place: Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston, Iowa

Attendees

Present: Michael Acarregui, Gladys Alvarez, Jane Borst, Mary Jane Brotherson, LaMark Combs, Sara Freiberg, Gina Greene, Kelly Hancock, Ron Koch, Stacy Kramer, Barbara Merrill, Mary Nelson, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Debra Sixta, Carrie Sodders, JoAnn Stone, **Staff:** Julie

Curry, Barb Khal, Kelly Schulte, Susan White

Excused: Jodi Angus, Scott Beall, Daryl Beall, Angela Burke Boston, Andrew Hall, Troy McCarthy, Pablo Quintanilla, Mary Stevens, Beth Troutman, David Van Horn, Shanell Wagler, Nansi Woods

Guests: Kyla Alba, Chandra Bartleman, Diane Eastman, Nancy Farstad Peck, Cathy Ryba, Kathleen Tague, Kim Thomas, Andrea Timm, Annie Volker,

Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Laurie Wirtz

Call to order

Kelly Hancock called the meeting to order and introductions of Council members and visitors took place. Quorum was not met.

Approval of previous minutes

Kelly Hancock informed Council we did not meet quorum and the November minutes will be approved during the March 6, 2009 Council meeting.

Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Family Story	Stacy Kramer
Executive Committee Update	Kelly Hancock
Policy Discussion	Julie Curry
Service Coordination Panel	Kelly Hancock
NICU Collaboration	Kelly Hancock
ICEA Standing Committee Reports	Chair of each Committee
Sharing Activities	All Council Members

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Family Story

Stacy Kramer

Stacy, a Parent Representative on the Panel, presented her family's story of their daughter, Anneke, who was diagnosed with Prader Willi Syndrome when she was born. Anneke is now 2 ½ years old. Stacy talked about all the support they have received from doctors, therapists, family and friends.

Executive committee update

Kelly Hancock

Kelly presented highlights from the Executive Committee meeting which was held January 14, 2009.

- Gregg Cummings and Lana Ross shared the Iowa Head Start Association's legislative agenda. They also facilitated questions around distribution of wrap around dollars. Issues they are concerned about for families with low resources are current foreclosures and budget cuts. Gregg mentioned that Head Start Directors across the state and nation are working hard on collaborating with the local school systems and partners to support lower income children and families. Questions may be directed to Gregg Cummings at iowaheadstart@yahoo.com
- Kelly Schulte distributed the new proposed regulations on Homeless Target Population for Child Find and Referral procedures. Kelly will collect data regarding referrals from AEAs. AEAs will count referrals based on response by Service Coordinators. Kelly will provide an email to Mary Stevens asking AEAs assistance for collecting data.
- Jim Donoghue continues to provide technical assistance providers, families and children. Jim answered questions concerning the waiver program. It was noted that AEAs would continue Service Coordination services to children and families even if they could not bill Medicaid. AEA Special Education Directors are concerned about the cost of training staff to implement Medicaid waiver programs
- Julie Curry is preparing the state application budget for Part C dollars. The state application is due in May and will need to be posted for public comments 60 days prior to due date. Also, LauraBelle and Lana Michelson (Part B) will take a closer look at the maintenance of effort law to avoid losing federal matching funds because of state funding cuts.

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Policy discussion

Julie Curry, Dee Gethmann, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl

Julie presented C1 (Timely Services) data that was received for reporting of the 2007-2008 APR, while Dee presented data for C3 (Early Childhood Outcomes) and LauraBelle presented data for C8 (Transition C to B).

Time was allowed for group discussions for each Indicator.

Service coordination panel

Kelly Hancock

Kelly introduced Service Coordinators who discussed their responsibilities for the statewide system. They are; Kim Thomas (AEA 11), Jeanie Wade-Nagle (Grant Wood AEA), Kathleen Tague (AEA 13), Cathy Ryba (AEA 13), Andrea Timm, AEA 11 and Kyla Alba (PEC).

This group of Service Coordinators took time to share their caseloads, how to use resources provided to them, and how they assist children and their families. One panel member informed the Council that there is a need for more Service Coordinators to help children and families.

NICU collaboration

Kelly Hancock

Kelly introduced Annie Volker (AEA 11), Chandra Bartleman (Visiting Nurses Services), and Laurie Wirtz (RN-Des Moines Public Schools)

They shared how they examine medical records of children in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with medical needs and forward that information to Service Coordinators to assist families in need and provide for a smooth transition for families from the NICU to the community. This provides for a seamless system for families and children.

Also they shared stories of their home visits, speaking with families before they go home from NICU, interviews with staff and doctors, and testimonials from families that have received their assistance.

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ICEA standing committee reports

Kelly Hancock

Kelly asked that the Committees provide updates to the Council.

- Public Policy-Maintaining \$1.2 million from state budget and collaborate with the Governor's Report
- Bylaws: No report
- Parent Leadership: No report
- Nominating: No report
- Membership: The Council currently has 29 members
- Governor's Report: The Governor's report will be completed and copies provided to Council to share with their constituents by our next Council meeting, March 6, 2009.

Sharing of activities

Kelly Hancock

Kelly asked Panel members to share activities and information.

- Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill (at the Capitol) is February 12, 2009.
- CHSC is reorganizing.
- Regions are beginning to file reviews and are collecting new data and family surveys for data collection for Indicators.

Adjournment

Kelly Hancock

Kelly Hancock thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting

The next Iowa Council for Early ACCESS will be held on:

Date: Friday, March 6, 2009 Time: 10:00 am-3:00 pm Location: Stoney Creek Inn